The University of Oklahoma  
Senior Vice President and Provost  
is pleased to announce the appointment of  

Megan Elwood Madden as Director, Center for Faculty Excellence

Professor Megan Elwood Madden has been appointed the Director of the Center for Faculty Excellence (CFE), subject to approval by the Board of Regents. She will oversee CFE’s current efforts and continue to build the infrastructure and programming needed to make CFE a best-in-class center for faculty development, helping faculty develop relationships and build community as they create integrated research, pedagogy, and service portfolios that amplify their scholarship. During her time as Faculty Senate Chair, Megan demonstrated that she is a dedicated advocate for faculty development and community-building activities, including those necessary to recruit and retain diverse and creative faculty who are engaged in all facets of their academic career.

Megan Elwood Madden is a Stubbeman-Drace Presidential Professor; she holds the Robert & Doris Klabzuba Chair in the School of Geosciences and is a core affiliate faculty member in Women’s and Gender Studies. Dr. Elwood Madden joined OU following a postdoc at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. She earned a PhD in Geoscience from Virginia Tech and a BS in Geology from the University of Illinois. During her 13 years at OU, Megan has benefited from and contributed to many professional development opportunities, including faculty learning communities focused on inclusive teaching, has led or collaborated on numerous successful proposals from a range of funding agencies, and has produced a robust publication record.

Dr. Elwood Madden works with undergraduate researchers, graduate students, postdocs, and collaborators to study the minerals, rocks, and fluids that form at or near the surface of Earth, Mars, and icy moons. They use laboratory experiments, field studies, and computational models to interpret results from planetary missions and develop new analytical techniques to probe aqueous chemistry throughout our Solar System. She has taught general education planetary science and quantitative geochemistry courses, as well as co-teaching GeoWriting and a new WGS class exploring gender and identity in STEM.

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